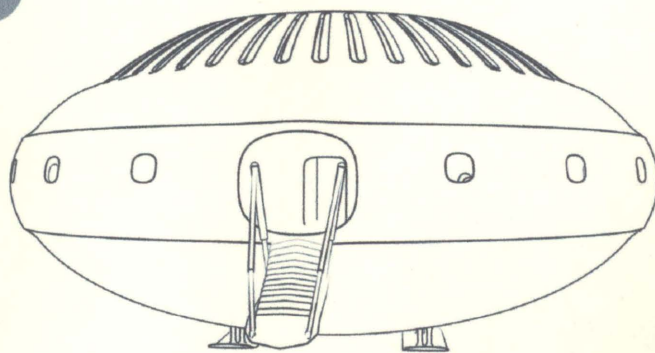
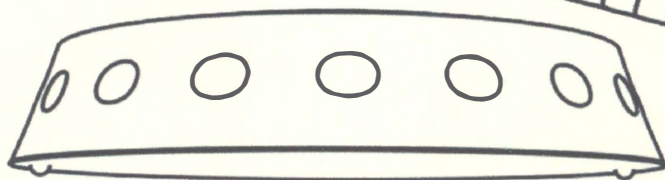
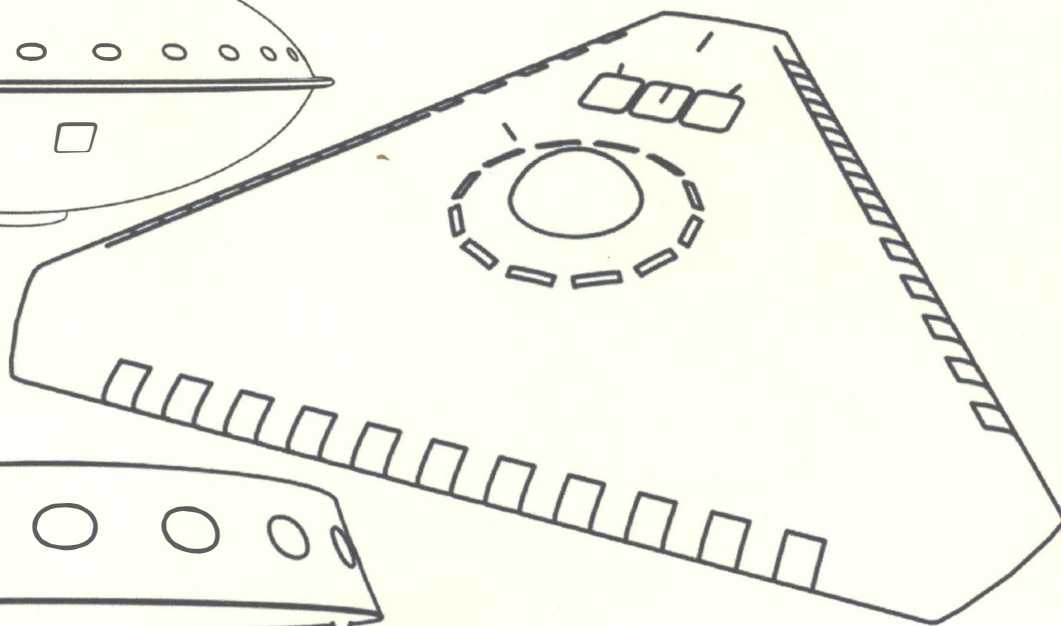
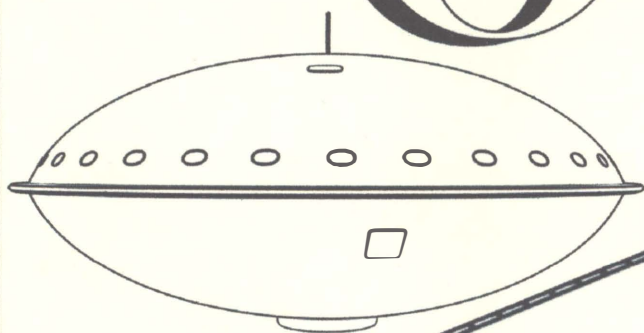


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WORLDWIDE BIRD AND FISH DEATHS ESCALATE

The phenomenon of bird and fish deaths continues to mystify us and the present number of incidents appear to be on the increase and remain a mystery. A selection of worldwide reports are given below for your interest.

Hundreds of dead snapper washed up on New Zealand beach

Rob Kidd *January 5, 2011* Waikato Times

Horror haul ... dead fish floating and washed up on the Coromandel Peninsula. Hundreds of dead snapper have washed up on Coromandel beaches on the North Island of New Zealand, leaving holidaymakers perplexed. The mysterious incident came as the southern United States was hit with a second unexplained mass bird death within a week.

People at Little Bay and Waikawau Bay, on the north-east of the peninsula, were stunned when children came out of the sea with armfuls of the fish and within minutes the shore was littered with them.



Charlotte Pearsall, whose family have lived at Little Bay for the last 30 years, said she had never seen anything like it. "It was so surreal," she said. "It's such an incredible waste - it could've fed the whole northern tip of the Coromandel."

People with binoculars said the snapper stretched as far as they could see and boaties reported "a carpet of floating fish further out to sea all along the coast". "We initially thought 'woohoo a free feed' but they had really cloudy eyes and you could see the birds had been at them. Some of them had no eyes,"

Pearsall said. Her parents called the Department of Conservation and were told it was most likely the fish had starved due to weather conditions, but Pearsall did not think that was the case as many of the fish looked big and healthy.

The Fisheries Ministry are currently investigating the situation and said they could not yet say what the cause was. "Any commercial operators must record and report their catch," said ministry field operations officer for Waikato, Bay of Plenty and the Coromandel Brendon Mikkelsen.

"They're equally as concerned as we are ... it's not in anybody's interests for fish to be abandoned at sea." Mikkelsen said it had happened before but given the quantity of fish it was very concerning. People saw floating snapper in the water as early as 5am yesterday but the ministry only received reports 12 hours later.

THOUSANDS of birds have fallen from the skies over Esperance, Australia and no one knows why.

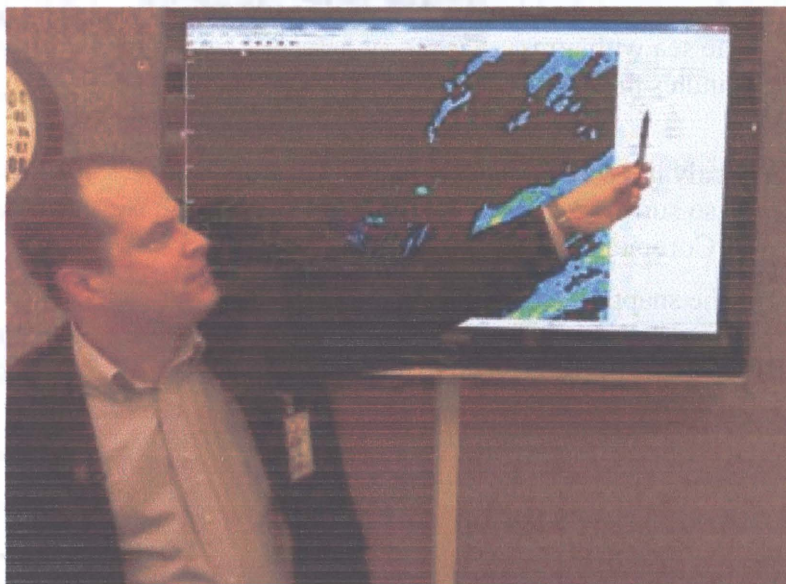
Is it an illness, toxins or a natural phenomenon? A string of autopsies in Perth have shed no light on the mystery. All the residents of flood-devastated Esperance know is that their "dawn chorus" of singing birds is missing. The main casualties are wattle birds, yellow-throated miners, new holland honeyeaters and singing honeyeaters, although some dead crows, hawks and pigeons have also been found. Wildlife officers are baffled by the "catastrophic" event, which the Department of Environment and Conservation said began well before last week's freak storm.

On Monday, Esperance, 725km southeast of Perth, was declared a natural disaster zone. District nature conservation co-ordinator Mike Fitzgerald said the first reports of birds dropping dead in people's yards came in three weeks ago. More than 500 deaths had since been notified. But the calls stopped suddenly last week, reportedly because no birds were left. "It's very substantial. We estimate several thousand birds are dead, although we don't have a clear number because of the large areas of bushland," Mr Fitzgerald said.

Dr Sunderman said there were no leads yet on which of potentially hundreds of toxins might be responsible. Some birds were seen convulsing as they died. Michelle Crisp was one of the first to contact the DEC after finding dozens of dead birds on her property one morning. She told The Australian she normally had hundreds of birds in her yard, but that she and a neighbour counted 80 dead birds in one day. "It went to the point where we had nothing, not a bird," she said. "It was like a moonscape, just horrible. "But the frightening thing for us, we didn't find any more birds after that. We literally didn't have any birds left to die."

Weather radar shows something unusual around time birds fell (USA).

A weather radar screen doesn't just show the weather, apparently. The National Weather Service in North Little Rock examined a speck on the radar that showed up around the same time all the birds fell out of the sky from alleged trauma on New Year's Eve.



Today's THV reporter Lauren Clark talked to Science and Operations Officer Chris Buonanno at the NWS who says that the speck on the picture is definitely not precipitation. "There are some indications that we're picking up a non-precipitation target. It has some similarities to say, like a collection of birds." The spot on the radar is estimated to be between 1,300 and 1,400 feet in the air and Buonanno points out it doesn't move like a cloud or rainstorm would. While speculations continue to pour in, officials in Wisconsin confirmed the cause of death of the birds in Beebe was blunt force trauma.

Friends spot black triangle UFO in Bonfire Night sky (Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham)



Two Sutton workers had a close encounter with a UFO which was spotted flying over Boldmere last week. triangle-GO By nick horner news reporter

A UFO was spotted flying over Sutton on the eve of Bonfire Night last week by two friends at different locations in the town. The triangular object, which was said to be four of five times the size of a commercial airliner, was seen in Boldmere heading in the direction of Wylde Green last Thursday (November 4 2010) at around 6.30pm by Sutton workers [Matt Somerton](#) and [David Allen](#).

Matt, who works as a data processor in the town centre, was being driven along Jockey Road to his Boldmere home in Wakefield Close when he saw the strange craft just as he came over the railway bridge. He had been chatting to David about booking tickets for a gig in [Birmingham](#) when he saw the triangular craft, which, he said, "Looked like the Red Arrows when they fly in formation". The 23-year-old added: "It was too big to be any plane I know of. It was just gigantic, I would say 100ft across. I was in shock and said: 'What the hell was that?'"

Matt said that David Sharp, who was driving him home, nearly crashed when he looked up. "He heard me mention a UFO and looked over to the left and swerved the car," Matt said. "He said it was too big to be a Lancaster Bomber or anything like that. "It was also silent. I couldn't really make out a structure and couldn't see anything in the middle of the lights. "I have had a look on the internet and it said it could be plasma but with the technology they have these days, it could be anything." David, who was at work in the Spar shop in Boldmere Road, a short distance from Jockey Road, was at first sceptical about Matt's sighting but then went outside the back of the shop and was amazed at what he saw.

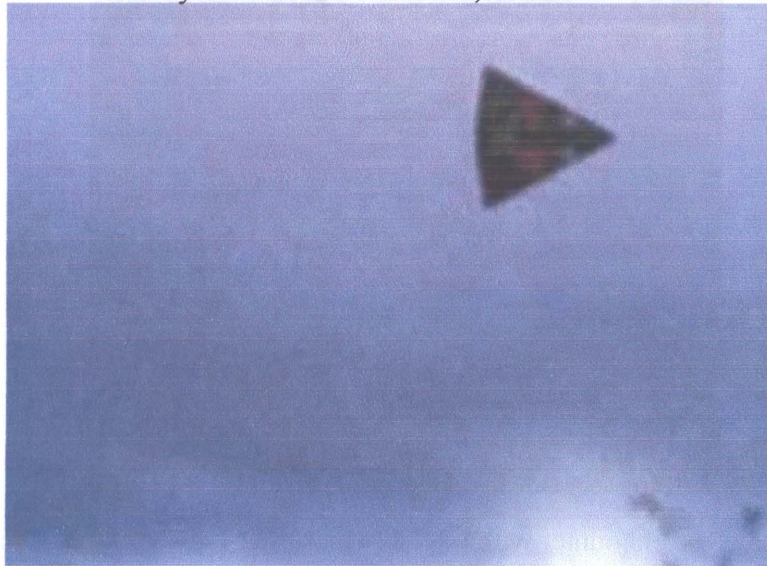
"I didn't really believe him but he told me to go outside of the Spar, as it was travelling my way," the 23-year-old supervisor said. "I went out the back of the shop and saw a massive black triangle, slowly moving over the top of the flats there. It had three main lights, one in each corner, and smaller blinking lights. "There was no way it was a plane, as it was at least four to five times as big and made no noise."

The sighting came on the same day a national newspaper reported sightings of a triangular craft with three yellow lights in Oswestry, Rotherham and Harrogate.

A spokesperson for [West Midlands Police](#) said they had not received any reports of UFO sightings in the past week

UFO alert – has the Dudley Dorito returned?

Tuesday 16th November 2010, 11:30AM GMT.



A triangular UFO dubbed the Dudley Dorito has been spotted over the skies of the Black Country and Birmingham.

Quality inspector Munesh Mistry, aged 21, spotted the triangular-shaped object above the skies of his home in Andrew Road, Tipton, at around 10.15pm on Sunday.

His sighting comes just weeks after a UFO was spotted hovering over Sutton Coldfield on the eve of Bonfire Night.

That time the triangular object, which was said to be four or five times the size of a commercial airliner, was seen by David Allen from Bendall Road, in Boldmere on November 4.

The sightings have echoes of the Dudley Dorito which was seen flying over the area during 2007 and 2008.

Mr Mistry, who spotted the object with his friend Neil Martin, aged 21, who lives in nearby Wells Close, said: "Me and my closest friend saw an amazing fast-moving and silent craft in the shape of a triangle made up of what appeared to be three lights fly across the sky at a mind boggling speed. "At first it looked like three birds flying in unison, then when seeing the triangle shape, we both were amazed and immediately discarded that explanation."

He added they promptly logged onto the internet and saw previous sightings on the Express & Star website. He added: "We wondered if there were any other reports of a similar sighting, as we are both convinced that what we saw was either a spy plane being used by the military, if not, in my opinion it is hardcore proof that it is an extraterrestrial spacecraft."

In February last year a UFO sighting was recorded by Sean Gibbs-Percival over the skies of Oldbury. On April 16 last year builders working at West Midland Safari Park were shocked to see a flying saucer-shaped object soaring above them, while on April 4, two bright orange UFOs shaped like Cornish pasties were spotted flying over Sedgley.

And in October 2008, a photograph of the Dudley Dorito was hailed as an important piece of evidence of alien life.

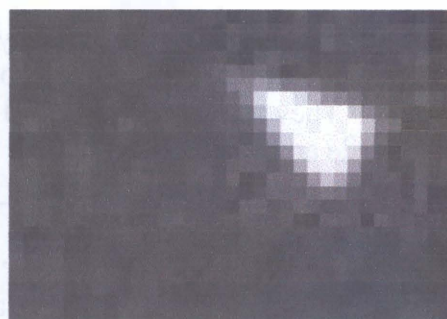
Read more: <http://www.expressandstar.com/news/2010/11/16/ufo-alert-has-the-dudley-dorito-returned/#ixzz1ARB2BkuY>

(With thanks to Peter Mc Cue)

DERBY SKYCAMERA CAPTURES 'FLYING TRIANGLE'.

Early on New Years Day (0031 1-1-2011), the PRA Skycamera caught what appears to be a glowing 'FT' in the top right hand corner of the frame. Unfortunately the exposure lasted only two or three seconds, but was sufficient to show the shape of the object. It passed quite quickly across the section of sky and in no way resembled one of the 'Chinese Lanterns' that have been seen in the night sky on numerous occasions.

The shape of the 'Chinese Lanterns' is quite distinctive and the speed relies purely upon the speed of the relative wind at the time.

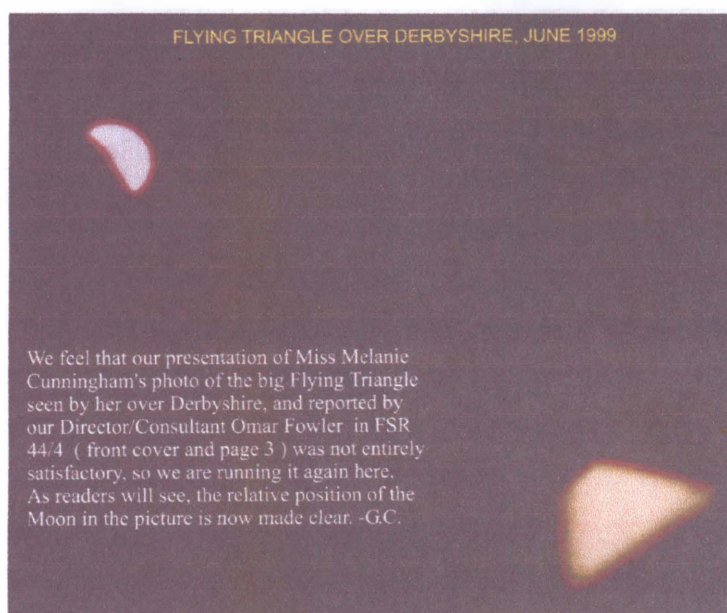


(Enlargement from corner of frame).

The glowing object appears similar to the illuminated triangular shaped craft (?) photographed over her home in Belper, Derbyshire by Melanie Cunningham in June 1999. (See below)

Readers may recollect that this photograph was taken from a 'still' frame of an 8mm movie film camera being used by Melanie at the time.

It was one of the many objects filmed during that period, but because of the limitations of the camera equipment there was insufficient exposure to produce and further images, although they can just be seen on the original 8mm movie film.



(Reproduced from 'Flying Saucer Review' Vol 45/1 Spring 2000)

The Melanie Cunningham photo remains a mystery to this day and continues to be a valuable reference to what can be seen in our skies at night, if you happen to be in the right place at the right time!

UFO LIGHT SEEN OVER DERBY ON 4th JANUARY 2011

An orange glowing light was watched for several minutes as it passed over London Road, Alvaston, Derby at 0015Hrs. on the morning of the 4th January.

Witnesses Mr and Mrs Shand noticed the orange light as it appeared in view from the back window of their home in London Road. "It had an orange glow underneath it" said Mrs Shand "Then my husband and I moved to the front of the house where we watched the orange glowing light for several minutes, before it went out of sight."

The orange light was travelling from the Allenton direction, towards Castle Donnington. It made no sound and was viewed for approx. 4 minutes.

Mr and Mrs Shand were so impressed by their sighting that they telephoned the local Derby Telegraph and BBC Radio Derby the following morning, in an effort to find an answer to the mysterious orange light sighting. They were curious to find out if other people had seen the light, as it was so bright and obviously made an impression on them.

PRA member Mr Eric Ogden of Oldham, sent us the local newspaper cutting shown below.

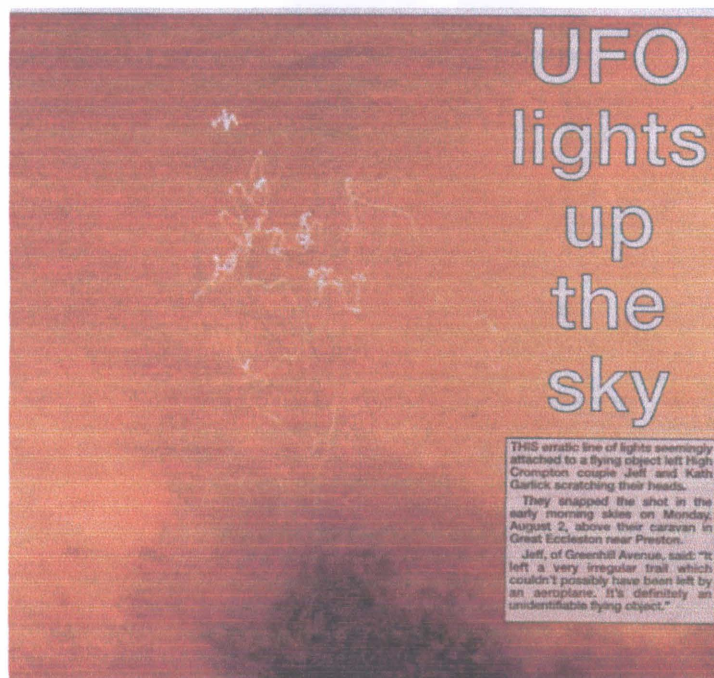
The photograph of what appears to be a line of erratic lights, was taken by in the early morning of Monday 2nd August 2010, above their caravan in Great Eccleston near Preston.

The light pattern is typical of a UFO light as it performs erratic manoeuvres in the sky.

Unfortunately we do not have any details of the camera exposure/speed details of what appears to be a single light line. The brighter points of light in the line could indicate that the light source had paused for a split second before continuing its zig-zag course.

Photographer Jeff said "it left a very irregular trail which couldn't possibly have been left by an aeroplane. It's definitely an unidentifiable flying object."

The UFO light left Crompton couple Jeff and Kath Garlic scratching their heads and puzzling over what they had seen.



The mysterious light trail seen over Great Eccleston near Preston.

DON'T GO DOWN IN THE WOODS TONIGHT!

Posted by: Loren Coleman on December 10th, 2010

The national media, via MSNBC, has widely shown this photograph on television.

A deer hunter at Berwick, Louisiana, has captured a strange image of something wandering through the Louisiana woods at night. The hunter near Baton Rouge reported to the media that he found this bizarre image on his deer stand camera. The hunting camera was broken but the memory card was still there and so was this remarkable photograph. What is it? An ape? A swamp monster? A human in costume? NBC news station WVLA, Baton Rouge, feels it looks like a cross between a human and an animal, with long slender appendages and glowing eyes. The hunter says he just hopes it's a vegetarian, if he runs into it in the woods again.



Berwick is a town in St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, United States. The population was 4,418 at the 2000 census. The first white settler to trek through the wilderness in this area was Thomas Berwick, a surveyor from Pennsylvania who was working in Opelousas, Louisiana.

He settled along the banks of the Atchafalaya River in the late 18th century. Nearby, relatively speaking, are the reports of the Honey Island Swamp monster, a hairy humanoid or anthropoid cryptid reported from Honey Island Swamp, Louisiana since 1963. To Native Americans, this cryptid is called Letiche. Cajun have named it the Tainted Keitre.

The Honey Island Swamp (French: *Marais de l'Île-de-Miel*) is a marshland located in the eastern portion of the U.S. state of Louisiana in St. Tammany Parish (above). Honey Island earned its name because of the honeybees once seen on a nearby isle. The swamp is bordered on the north by U.S. 90, on the south by Lake Borgne, on the east by the Pearl River and the west by the West Pearl River.

(With thanks to Busty Taylor PRA)

'Ghostly figures' caught on film near York Minster

York Press: News coverage for York, [North Yorkshire](#), [East Yorkshire](#) and [Harrogate](#). 9:00am
Tuesday 4th January 2011 (*With thanks to PRA member Felicity Jones*).

A YORK man claims he had a ghostly encounter while walking with a friend and his dog near [York Minster](#).

Paul Simpson, of The Groves, took two photographs of the Minster from Precentor's Court, at about 6pm on a Sunday in November.

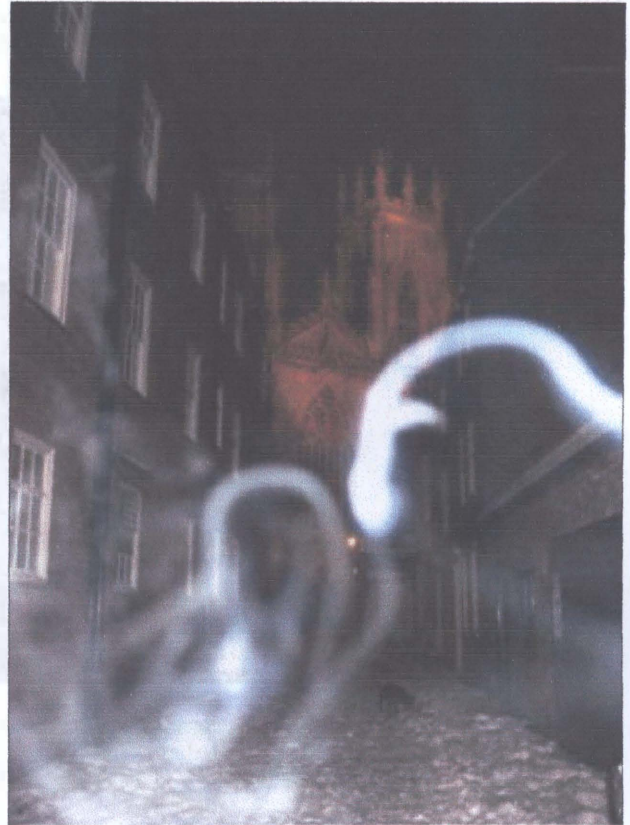
Mr Simpson said: "The first photograph I took was very dark so I went to take another. The dog, which is normally very placid, started going mad, barking and growling. We both wondered what was wrong with the dog, but we didn't think anymore about it.

"It was a week or so later when I looked at the photographs and saw the ghostly figures. One has a distinct face."

Mr Simpson said: "I was sceptical about ghosts.

"I've shown the picture to two or three friends and they were amazed. It's very very curious."

Mr Simpson now plans to consult another friend, York ghost walk organiser Trevor Rooney, to find out about the history of the area and any known ghosts around Precentor's Court.



A 'ghostly face' on this photograph of Precentor's Court

ED: For the benefit of our foreign readers, we would point out that York Minster is one of the most historical sites in England and has been the subject of numerous historical events and ghost stories over the centuries.

The disturbed behaviour of Mr Simpson's normally placid dog is of interest and could show that the dogs acute senses had picked up something out of the ordinary.

However, the question remains, what did Mr Simpson actually photograph on that particular night? Was it a ghostly figure or was it a 'spirit' energy associated with the area? Over the years, the PRA has been curious about such 'energy' lights, which are often discovered having been photographed at the time of the event, but have been invisible to the photographer at the time. A selection from our files, showing similar lights has been included for your interest. The light source is unknown but appears to have an intelligence that controls its movement. They are not all associated with historical sites, but appear to be a moving light of 'intelligence'.

A SELECTION OF 'INTELLIGENT' LIGHTS FROM THE PRA ARCHIVES



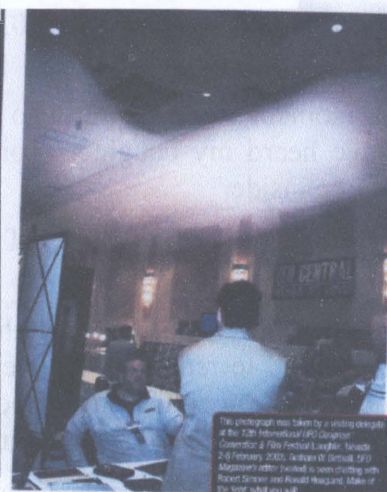
A photo taken at an early PRA skywatch near Swarkestone when two lights showed up on the photograph, but were unseen at the time.



Photo taken at Milton Keynes by 'Pamela' 2004 which produced a mysterious figure, not visible at the time.

(Right) A photo taken in April 2003 from the 'UFO Magazine', with the Editor the late Graham Birdsall (bottom left).

A mysterious glowing shaft of light can be seen-passing overhead. Once again, this only became evident when the picture was processed.



This photograph was taken by a visiting delegate at the 12th International UFO Congress Convention at Stone Festival & Gardens, Stoneville 2-4 February 2003. Graham D. Birdsall, Editor, UFO Magazine is visible in the bottom left corner of the photo.



Two family photographs (left and right) taken in the Derby area and once again showing an 'intelligent' light trail that was unseen at the time.



'A COLD WAR ENCOUNTER IN EAST GERMANY 1952'

(A report taken from 'Clear Intent' by Lawrence Fawcett & Barry J. Greenwood)

Berlin, July 1952—Furnished with the sworn testimony of an eye witness, Oscar Linke, a 48 year old German and former mayor of Gleimershausen, West German intelligence officers have begun investigating a most unusual 'flying saucer' story. According to this story, an object "resembling a huge frying pan" and having a diameter of about 15 metres, landed in a forest clearing in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

Linke recently escaped from the Soviet Zone along with his wife and six children.

Linke and his 11 year old daughter, Gabriella. Made the following sworn statement last week before a judge: "While I was returning to my home with Gabriella, a tyre of my motorcycle blew out near the town of Hasselbach."

"While we were walking along towards Hasselbach, Gabriella pointed out something that which lay at a distance of about 140 metres away from us. Since it was twilight, I thought that she was pointing out a young deer."

"I left my motorcycle by a tree and walked towards the spot where Gabriella had pointed out. When however, I reached a spot about 55 meters from the object, I realized that my first impression had been wrong. What I had seen were two men who were now about 40 metres from me. They seemed to be dressed in some shiny metallic clothing. They were stooped over and were looking at something lying on the ground."

"I approached until I was only about 10 metres from them. I looked over a small fence and the I noticed a large object whose diameter I estimated to be between 13 and 15 metres. It looked like a huge frying pan. There were two rows of holes on its periphery, about 30 centimetres in circumference. The space between the two rows was about 0.45 metres. On top of this metal object was a black conical tower about 3 metres high."

"At that moment, my daughter who had remained a short distance behind me, called me. The two men must have heard my daughters voice, because they immediately jumped on the conical tower and disappeared inside."

"I had previously noted that one of the men had a lamp on the front part of his body, which lit up at regular intervals."

"Now the side of the object which the holes had been opened, began to glitter. Its colour seemed green, but later turned to red. At the same time, I began to hear a slight hum. While the brightness and the hum increased, the conical tower began to slide down into the centre of the object. The whole object then began to rise slowly from the ground and rotate like a top."

"It seemed to me as if it were supported by the cylindrical plant which had gone down from the top of the object, through the centre and had now appeared from its bottom on the ground."

"The object, surrounded by a ring of flames, was now a certain number of feet above the ground. I then noticed that the whole object had risen slowly from the ground. The cylinder on which it was supported had now disappeared within its centre and had re-appeared on top of the object."

"The rate of climb had now become greater and at the same time, my daughter and I heard a whistling sound similar to that heard when a bomb falls. The object rose to a horizontal position, turned towards a neighbouring town and then, gaining altitude it disappeared over the heights and forests in the direction of Stockheim. Many other persons in the same area as Linke later related that they saw an object that they thought to be a comet."

"I would have thought that both my daughter and I were dreaming, if it were not for the following element involved. When the object had disappeared, I went to the place where it had been. I found a circular opening in the ground and it was quite evident that it was freshly dug. It was exactly the same shape as the conical tower. I was then convinced that I was not dreaming."

Oscar Linke.

Are Grays From Mars? (Extract from 'Filers Files 48# 2010')

Stace Tussel writes, "Reading about the new discovery of apparent caves on Mars has inspired me to forward a link to a post I made on my website in which I speculate that "Grays" could have evolved (or developed) their large black eyes in order to survive on Mars, or a planet like it.

The world media, in a coordinated fashion, seems to be closing in on an admission of an ET presence, and recent news in particular seems to intently focus on life on Mars. I have been following this cascade of revolutionary information for some time. With increased disclosures in 2010, I am reminded of just how close Mars is to Earth.

A recently released photo of lakebeds on the planet's surface may even show evidence of the habitation - current, past, or both - of Mars.

(A channel for water connects two depressions in a NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO) image)

If life *ever* existed on Mars, then advanced life forms certainly could have evolved. Living on Mars' brutally cold surface would require planning and technical expertise, and Martians would need to be resourceful - and intelligent - to survive.

Enclosed environments designed to withstand weather extremes might be manufactured with superior materials in order to house controlled ET communities. But, perhaps Martians would prefer to reside underground, protected from the cold climate and intense radiation. Mars has a molten core similar to Earth's, and since Mars is smaller, its heat may be more accessible - meaning inner-Mars may well provide suitable environs for ETs.

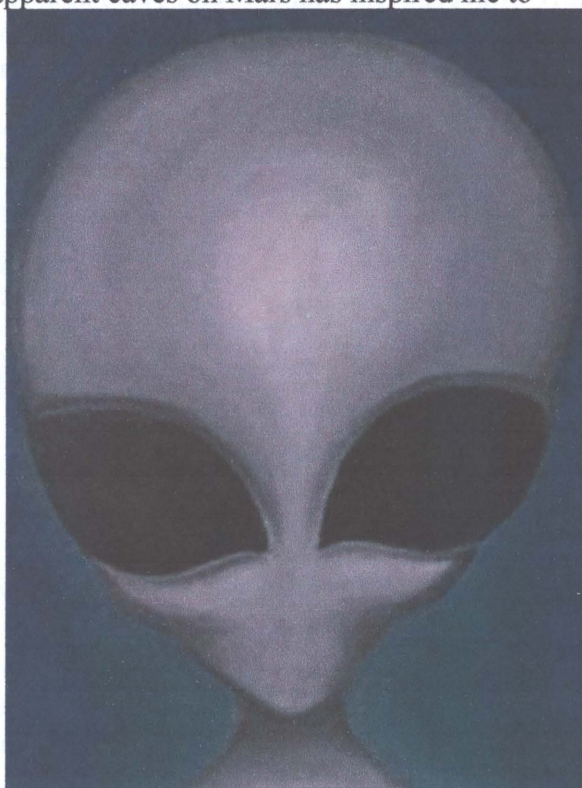
Martians would likely need relatively little oxygen, light, and food, as compared to their Earthbound neighbors. I imagine they might share characteristics of the Grays of modern fame (or notoriety, depending on one's point of view). For instance, they wouldn't need stomachs and lungs, at least not to the degree humans do. In order to carry on their race, Martians would need to adapt, via natural or artificial evolution, and DNA manipulation, to the environment in which they reside.

Whether Martians were to live primarily on the surface or deep underground, their big, black, wrap-around eyes serve a purpose. The Grays' eyes, which I recall as a hypnotic array of many small, velvety, black hexagons, may also function as virtual sunglasses for surface dwellers. In contrast, the large dark eyes may be all-pupil, allowing inner-planet residents to absorb as much of the visual field as possible.

Possibly the eyes function in divergent capacities, as needed. Established arguments against the existence of UFOs and ETs, is primarily based on the perceived limitations of distances measured in light years that are quickly becoming archaic as evidence for them mounts.

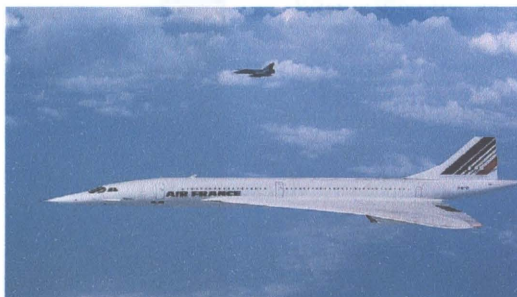
Perceived reality is shifting, as it always has, with the tide of human knowledge. Perhaps for the first time in recorded history, humans are learning that a habitable planet other than Earth is within reasonable reach.

Thanks to Stace Tussel <http://inter-intelligence-communications.com/?p=1084>,



Ufo In-Flight Sighting.

This report arrived on our desk recently (25-11-2010) and is reminiscent of a UFO incident filmed on an early Concorde test flight several years ago. An illuminated ball of light was seen to fly along the fuselage of the aircraft, pause for several seconds by the side of the cockpit and then reverse back along the side of the aircraft and shoot off out of sight.



Concorde

A report from Ruth Penny:

It was on a flight from Milan to London on the 26th July this year.(2010). Broad daylight (about 3pm), I noticed a ball of light about half the size again of a soccer ball keeping pace with the plane and sitting literally just above the wing. It kept pace for only a couple of seconds, then dropped speed and so appeared to pass along the length of the plane over the next five seconds or so. For what it's worth I got the distinct impression that it was controlled movement, and deliberate. If we were doing approx 550mph, then I'm guessing it dropped to about 530mph for the few (but very long) seconds that I watched it. Hope this is useful. It's raised a myriad of questions that I'm continuing to research and read about. If it means anything to you I'm also psychic, but do NOT get caught up in any wafty, feel-good-man stuff, as I have better things to occupy my brain with 🧠

I think that's it, but feel free to ask if not. It wasn't orange by the way , it was gold/silver, translucent, and self-contained though without visible boundary. Good luck, and kind regards, Ruth Perry

----- Wisconsin Triangle Depiction

BAYVIEW -- I was helping a friend carry some things out to their car when I looked up and saw some lights that seemed to have a shape, but there was no fuselage or tail.

As it passed over at 30-50 feet above the school, I could see the stars disappear as they were blocked by the border of the craft. It was triangular in shape with no color, it was like the absence of light. There were about 6-7 lights all around it one at each corner and maybe one midway along the three lines that make up the triangle; the brightest of which was in the front.

They were all white except the blinking red one on the bottom. I could see a cone of light reflected off the moisture in the air as it passed going about 10-15mph. I've never seen a light that bright on any aircraft. My friend and her Mother both saw it on July 27, 2008.

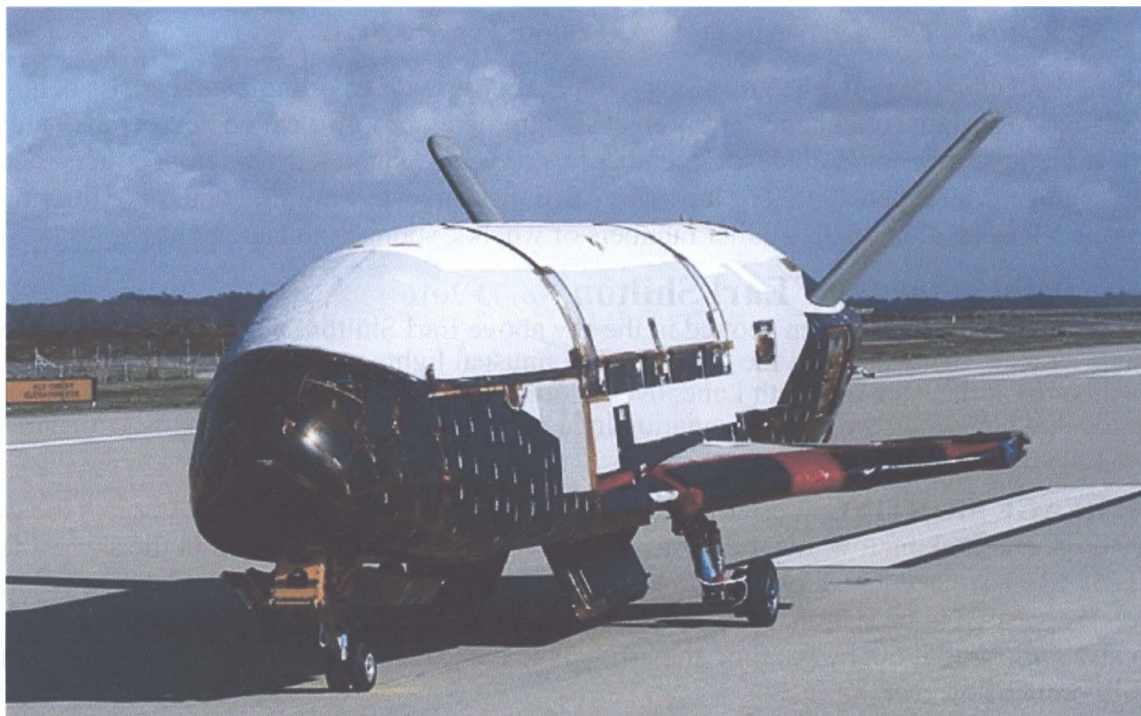


(Left) Artists impression of a typical 'Flying Triangle' craft with lighting sequence shown.

The controller at Mitchell International Airport said it was most likely a F-117a Nighthawk but he could not confirm. I know it was not a Stealth Bomber. Thanks to MUFON CMS

Secret US Airforce plane returns to earth after seven months in space

The US Air Force's secret X-37B unmanned spaceplane has returned to Earth after more than seven months in orbit.



The Telegraph: 11:43AM GMT 03 Dec 2010

The X-37B Orbital Test Vehicle taxis on the flight line Photo: REUTERS

The unmanned plane landed itself at Vandenberg Air Force Base on the California coast 130 miles northwest of Los Angeles. The X-37B was launched by an Atlas 5 rocket from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on April 22, with a maximum mission duration of 270 days.

Also known as the Orbital Test Vehicle, the Boeing-built spacecraft was originally a Nasa project before being taken over by the military. The Air Force has not said whether it carried anything in its cargo bay, but insists the primary purpose of the mission was to test the craft itself.

"We are very pleased that the program completed all the on-orbit objectives for the first mission," program manager Lt. Col. Troy Giese said in a statement. "Today's landing culminates a successful mission based on close teamwork between the 30th Space Wing, Boeing and the Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office," Giese said. Officials have made public only a general description of the mission objectives: testing of guidance, navigation, control, thermal protection and autonomous operation in orbit, re-entry and landing. However, the ultimate purpose of the X-37B and details about the craft have longed remained a mystery, though experts said the spacecraft was intended to speed up development of combat-support and weapons systems.

The voyage completed the project's long and expensive journey from NASA to the Pentagon's research and development arm and then on to the secretive Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent on the X-37 program, but the current total hasn't been released.

While the massive space shuttles have been likened to cargo-hauling trucks, the X-37B is more like a sports car, with the equivalent trunk capacity. Built by Boeing Co.'s Phantom Works, the 11,000-pound (5,000KG) craft is 9 1/2 feet (2.9m) tall and just over 29 feet (8.8 m) long, with a wingspan of less than 15 feet (4.6m). It has two angled tail fins rather than a single vertical stabilizer.

Unlike the shuttle, it was designed for launch like a satellite, piggybacking on an Atlas V rocket. It is capable of deploying solar panels to provide electrical power in orbit.

The craft is expected to return to space next year.

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TALE ENDERS

40,000 'DEVIL CRABS' WASH UP DEAD ON KENT COAST.

By [Daily Mail Reporter](#) Last updated at 11:49 AM on 5th January 2011

Thousands of dead crabs have washed up along the Kent coast, with environmental experts believing the cold weather in Britain is to blame. The Velvet swimming crabs - also called devil crabs - are thought to be victims of Britain's coldest December in 120 years, which left sea temperatures much lower than average. More than 40,000 of the crabs - Britain's largest swimming crab - are littering beaches around Thanet, along with smaller numbers of whelks, sponges and anemones.

UFO puzzle in skies over Earl Shilton Nov11 2010

MYSTERIOUS red lights have been spotted in the sky above Earl Shilton, prompting new debate about whether we are really alone in the borough. The unusual lights were seen at around 6pm on Sunday (November 6) at the back of Heath Lane, over allotments and towards Mallory. According to a nearby resident, who used to work in the aviation industry, there was one light to begin with and then four others joined from the right.

Ref: Hinckley Times

NETHER HEAGE SIGHTING. Yesterday evening at around 17.15 (21 Nov 10), I was in the garden at Nether Heage and looking towards the South I saw a brilliant orange/gold light in the sky. At first it looked like it may have been an aircraft on fire but I then realised that it was far too brilliant, almost like a flare. It appeared to be stationary in the sky at a height of around 4000 feet or so. I called my wife who also witnessed it but by the time she arrived the object had settled to a slightly less brilliant display, still orange however.

We watched it for about five minutes, during which time it moved off on a heading of approximately 190 and became dimmer as it progressed. I'm not sure whether this was just because it was receding, whether it had climbed into cloud or had just dimmed itself; and no, it was most certainly not a Chinese lantern! Three or four days previously my son in Hilton saw three lights in a triangular arrangement when looking through the window. At first he thought that they were stars, since it was a clear night, but then realised that the space between them was of a different grey hue and that he couldn't see any stars. He feels convinced that it was a space craft and says that it was huge. Very sorry that we couldn't photograph these as luck would have it. I'd be interested to know whether there have been any other reports of these sightings. Regards Peter Walton

PRA WEBPAGE *has been hacked by a Russian group and is currently being reconstructed. O.F.*

THE NEXT PRA MEETING

This will take place at the Royal British Legion, Allenton, Derby at 8pm on Tuesday 25 January 2011

A presentation by amateur astronomer **Andrew Emmerson**.

Andrew will discuss UFO objects that he has photographed over the Mansfield area in recent years.

(Andy was a first hand witness during a 'Flying Triangle' encounter on the 3rd December 1994)

There will also be a showing of a Richard D. Hall, DVD - 'UFO's AND RELIGION'

Plus the latest ufo news and free ufo book raffle.

Non-members welcome: £2 on the night.

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